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Governor Names New Chief Information Officer

Salt Lake City, Utah -- Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. has named Stephen Fletcher as the state's new Chief Information Officer.

"We conducted a lengthy and exhaustive search for this highly technical position to find the person with the right skill set to lead the new IT Department," Governor Huntsman said. "Stephen Fletcher is highly qualified and we are pleased he is bringing his talents to state government."

Fletcher is leaving a post at the U.S. Department of Education as Chief Information Officer/Chief Technology Officer. He also worked in that department as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management. While at the Department of Education he established performance-based contracts and improved business processes centered on service level agreements, saving the government millions of dollars annually.

Fletcher has a long career in both the public and private sectors. He founded and led several technical organizations focused on customer service, efficient delivery of technical services and business decision strategy.

"This is a great opportunity for the State of Utah to enact permanent change and improve the way of doing business throughout all government agencies. I hope to be able to bring best practices from both public and private sectors to elevate the office of CIO to a high performance organization," Fletcher said.

Fletcher plans to begin work May 1, 2005. His goal is to review all IT functions in state government for efficiency and productivity, and personnel support for state departments.

Fletcher is a graduate of the University of Utah and the son of James C. Fletcher, who was twice head of NASA and former president of University of Utah. He is married and has four children.